

PATENT**REMARKS**

Claims 1-8, 10-32, 34-46, 48, and 50 are pending in the present application.

In the above amendments, claims 10-15, 18, 21, 34-39, 42, and 45 have been amended, and claims 9, 33, 47, 49, and 51 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

Claims 9, 33, 47, 49 and 51 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Jamal (U.S. Patent No. 5,754,537).

It is respectfully submitted that these rejections are now deemed moot in view of the cancellation of these claims, *supra*.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action, claims 10-21 and 34-45 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In addition, claims 1-8, 22-32, 46, 48, and 50 were allowed.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

Accordingly, dependent claims 10-15, 18, 21, 34-39, 42, and 45 have been rewritten in independent form.

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REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all pending claims in the application are patentable. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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